

SENATE BILL 3681

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13,  
Chapter 24, relative to certain refueling stations.

WHEREAS, Commercial establishments which sell petroleum products experience spills, leakage, and other losses of such petroleum products; and

WHEREAS, Water from storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, surface runoff, street wash waters related to street cleaning or maintenance, infiltration and drainage mixes with petroleum products to make a toxic soup; and

WHEREAS, The environmental impact of such runoff mixed with gasoline, diesel and oils can contaminate the nearby environment; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 24, is amended by adding Sections 2 and 3 of this act as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. No municipal, county or regional planning commission or any municipal or county legislative body shall, by ordinance or otherwise, authorize a truck stop, travel center or a diesel refueling station within one (1) mile of a location where surface or ground water is available, including, but not limited to, a water well, cave, spring, stream, river, lake, tributary, waterway or impoundment. For the purposes of this part a diesel refueling station, travel center or truck stop means a commercial facility that provides fuel and amenities with bays and parking sufficient for five (5) or more tractor trailers or similar commercial vehicles.

SECTION 3. This part shall only apply in municipalities with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.